

Meetings and Notices

City Council Meetings - July 1, July 15 and July 29. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. Agendas and other meeting information will be posted on the City website calendar on the Thursday prior to the meeting. If you would like to have City Council agendas e-mailed to you, contact the Finance Office at 347-4422. Meetings are live-streamed on the City Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cityofsturgis

Planning Commission Meeting: Tuesday, July 2. The meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way.

ANNUAL REVIEWS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN JULY

- In-Home Accounting Business (Carol Hicks) at 1109 5th Street
- In-Home Daycare (Heather Kreutz) at 1407 Willard Street
- In-Home Pet Rover Business (Angela Wilkerson) at 1621 Hope Street
- In-Home Motorcycle Repair (Brandon Anderson) at 2120 Moose Drive
- Use on Review for Temporary Structure Coffee Kiosk (Rev-it-Up; Tammy Iverson) at 2703 Lazelle Street

CITY OFFICES CLOSED: City offices including the Community Center, Rubble Site, and the Library will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July on Thursday, July 4. Thursday's garbage collection will be on Wednesday, July 3, with Wednesday's normal route.

Northern Hills Band concert slated

The Northern Hills Band will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 21 at Harley-Davidson Rally Point in Sturgis. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for their comfort while enjoying the performance.

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605-215-5142

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Ruth Kopp
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605-646-2047

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Kevin Forrester
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Hultman named Grand Marshal of 84th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

STURGIS - For more than 70 years, Neil Hultman was at the heart of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Sadly, Neil Hultman died earlier this year. For his many contributions to the Rally, Hultman will be honored posthumously as the Grand Marshal of the 84th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Hultman was "Sturgis" long before Sturgis was cool. He was just 18 years old in 1947 when he bought his first motorcycle, a new Indian Chief, from J.C. "Pappy" Hoel, the father of what is now known as the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

In 1947, the Rally focused mainly on the races hosted by the Jackpine Gypsies, but tours from Sturgis to Mount Rushmore were added as an additional attraction. Hultman was selected to be the club's first road captain, leading the tours that are still a tradition today. A young Fort Meade Hospital nurse named Ramona Nelson volunteered as medical assistance for that first Mount Rushmore tour. The beautiful young nurse caught Hultman's eye. It was appropriate that an event that would become an integral part of the Hultman family would be what first brought Ramona and Neil together. Neil and Ramona were eventually married. They lived, and worked on the grounds of Fort Meade, and raised their four children there.

Hultman reflected on the Rally during a 2018 interview.



Neil and Ramona Hultman in 2018.

"I've seen a lot of good and a lot of bad, but it turned out to be what it is today – we're known internationally," Hultman said of the Rally. "We put on a good show and people kept coming back. We provided things they enjoyed doing while they were here. That made the thing grow without advertising it at all. It sold itself."

Hultman bought his first motorcycle from, J.C. "Pappy" Hoel. Hultman said he had \$200, but the motorcycle was going to cost \$890."

Hultman secured a job with the Veterans Administration at Fort Meade for \$1,900 a year.

Hoel called Hultman when the new

motorcycle arrived and told him to come to the shop and watch him unpack it and put together the new Indian Chief with a sidecar.

"I rode it year-round," Hultman said. "I had to ride it to work. I remember going Christmas shopping with it. I even took it antelope hunting."

The Rally in the 1940s and 1950s was actually a half week event, Hultman said. People would travel to Sturgis on a Wednesday or Thursday, camp in the city park and meet up with old friends.

Friday was a day to go touring in the Hills. Saturday and Sunday were race days.

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With more and more attendees arriving for the Rally each year, the Jackpine Gypsies began to offer motorcycle tours of the Black Hills. Initially it was a tour from Sturgis to Mount Rushmore.

When the number of riders reached 100, the club realized they needed to offer more than one ride, so they also took a group to Devils Tower in Wyoming

Hultman was picked to serve as the road captain on the rides. He said it was his job to coordinate the tour. Hultman's involvement with the Rally was only interrupted by his military service and the Korean War.

He was a medic, serving in a forward aid station and mobile Army surgical hospital, popularly known as a M*A*S*H unit. Following his discharge from the Army, Hultman worked 37 years as a lab technician at the Fort Meade Hospital. After his retirement, Hultman worked for the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce organizing the Rally for the city when they first took it



Neil Hultman and his friend, John Travis, went antelope hunting near Belle Fourche and carried home their prize in Hultman's sidecar. Courtesy photo

over in the late 1980's.

Hultman's involvement in the Rally has run the gamut from the early years with the Jackpine Gypsies and "Pappy" Hoel to serving on the board of directors for the Sturgis Motorcycle

Museum & Hall of Fame. And, through it all, his life has somehow centered around motorcycling.

So just how many motorcycles has Hultman owned over the years? "Not as many as I'd like," he said.

JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 07/01 MON.** Sturgis City Council, 6:30 p.m., Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way
- 07/02 TUES.** Sturgis Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m. Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way
- 07/03 WED.** Music on Main & Mountain Bike Race Series, Featured Band: Johnny Hastings & Stillhouse Down, H-D Rally Point, 6 p.m.
- 07/03 WED.** City of Sturgis Fireworks Display, at dusk. Fireworks are launched from the Sturgis Fairgrounds on Ball Park Road.
- 07/10 WED.** Music on Main & Mountain Bike Race Series, Featured Band: Stereotrip, H-D Rally Point, 6 p.m.
- 07/15 MON.** Sturgis City Council, 6:30 p.m., Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way
- 07/17 WED.** Music on Main & Mountain Bike Race Series, Featured Band: Jessica Loobey Music, H-D Rally Point, 6 p.m.
- 07/21 SUN.** NH Community Band, H-D Rally Point, 7 p.m.
- 07/29 MON.** Sturgis City Council, 6:30 p.m. Sturgis City Hall
- 08/02 FRI. to 08/11 SUN.:** 84th City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- 08/11 SUN.** American Flat Track Spirit of Sturgis TT race.

Fireworks show set for July 3

The City of Sturgis Fireworks Display will be at dusk on Wednesday July 3. Fireworks are launched from the Sturgis Fairgrounds on Ball Park Road. As for personal fireworks, Sturgis city ordinance says that no person shall explode or ignite any fireworks within the city or within one mile of the city limits except during the specified allowable time period of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on July 3 and between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. on July 4. City officials also ask you to please clean up your fireworks mess.



Sturgis Public Library Happenings

The Library will be CLOSED Thursday, July 4.

Little Adventures Storytime: Tuesdays, July 2, July 9 and July 23 at 10 a.m. Ages 0-3.

Big Adventures Storytime: Wednesdays July 3, July 10, July 17 and July 24 at 11 a.m. Ages 3-6.

Teen Adventures: From 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursdays, July 11 and July 25. Tweens and Teens, ages 11-17, are welcome to enjoy fun and free events this summer at the library as part of our summer reading program. Please join us!

LEGO Club: From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, July 1. All ages welcome! Sundown Storytime at Bear Butte Lake Campground: Monday, July 1, and Thursday, July 18, at 6 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair for seating. S'mores will be served! Weather Permitting.

Families on Foot: From 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 2, July 9, July 16 and July 23. Meet Sierra at the Sturgis football field parking lot before embarking on a fun outdoor adventure close to the bike path. Bring water, sunscreen, and water shoes. Weather Permitting.

MEGA Adventures: From 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, July 8 and July 22. Join the adventure this summer at the library! All kids aged 6-10 are welcome for our exciting summer reading events planned this June and July. There is no cost to attend.

Magic Comedy Show for All Ages: Wednesday, July 10 at 4:30 p.m. Join us for an interactive show that's fun for the whole family! Magic, juggling, hat tricks, cowboy rope tricks, balancing stunts, laughter, and more! There is no charge for this event.

Family Adventures at Sturgis City Park: "Puzzles in the Park" on Friday, July 12, and "Art Relay" on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. - NOON.

Glow Adventures MOVIE NIGHT! Monday, July 15. Movie starts at 5 p.m., sharp. Join us to watch "Family Camp", rated PG, in the neon lights with popcorn and drinks provided. Feel free to bring a pillow, blanket, or your own snacks.

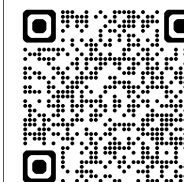
Books on Tap: Thursday, July 25 at 6 p.m., meeting at The Dungeon Bar. Read a book that meets the theme "Redemption" to share with the group. Fun and easy-going book club for anyone aged 21+.

Tiny Tot Social: Friday, July 26, 10 a.m. - Noon. Tiny tots are welcome to come to play and make friends at our monthly Tiny Tot Social. Unstructured time for fun with snacks, toys, and music.

Council working to fill vacant Ward 3 position

The Sturgis City Council has started the process of filling the vacancy created when Ward 3 Councilor Preston Williams resigned in early June. Williams had about 11 months remaining in his term as one of two Ward 3 councilors. His resignation was effective as of June 3. The other councilor in Ward 3 is Jim Thompson who won a seat on the board in April and will serve until May of 2027.

At the Sturgis City Council meeting Monday, June 17, the council agreed that the process for filling the vacancy would be to ask for applications, interview applicants at an upcoming council meeting and then make a selection. Deadline for applications is 6 p.m., Monday, July 1. Find an application on the city's website. Scan the QR code on this page linked to the application. Interviews will be conducted at the July 15, Sturgis City Council meeting.



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Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
Code Enforcement & Planning
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.
Noon - 5:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Finance Office 347-4422
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Thur.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:00 - 5:00 Fri.
8:00 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street
Animal Shelter 347-8310
1140 Otter Road

Public Works 347-3916
6:00 - 3:00 Mon. - Thur.
6:00 - 10:00 a.m. Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanche Road

Rally & Events 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Sturgis Liquor 347-5983
9:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573

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